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PLANTS"

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DECLARATION OF CHANDRASHEKHAR P. JOSHI

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I, Chandrashekhar Joshi, declare as follows:

1. I currently reside at 713 Cedar Bluff Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931.
2. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter of some or all of currently pending claims 167-169, 173-175, 179, 180, 183, 187, 188, 191-199, 204-206, and 211-214 of the above-identified U.S. patent application. I have assigned all rights, title and interest in the above-cited invention to Board of Control of Michigan Technological University. This Declaration is submitted in furtherance of prosecution of the above-cited application.
3. The facts set forth in this Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 are being relied upon to overcome Wu et al. (Accession No.: AF072131). This reference is cited as a primary reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) for rejecting claims 167-169 and 212-214 in an Office

Action mailed July 15, 2005, in the prosecution of the present patent application. The authors of the Wu et al. reference are Vincent L. Chiang, Luguang Wu, and Chandrashekhar P. Joshi. My contribution to the subject matter of Wu et al. was specifically acknowledged on the submission of Accession No. AF072131.

4. I understand that the Wu et al. reference can be removed a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by stating that the inventors of claims 167-169 and 212-214 are the same as the authors of the Wu et al. reference.

5. I declare that the inventors of the subject matter claimed in claims 167-169 and 212-214 are Vincent L. Chiang, Luguang Wu, and Chandrashekhar P. Joshi.

6. I further declare that Daniel T. Caraway did not make an inventive contribution to any of claims 167-169 and 212-214.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like as made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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